

Adjournment Motions.

President.—5 adjournment motions have been put into my hands to-day. (Laughter). In my case I can't say it is a record number because on a previous occasion also I had 5. With regard to these 5, four of them proceed from the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur. I shall read the motions one after the other. The first is:—*under sections 17, 18 and 20 of the Cochin Legislative Council Rules. "I request leave to move that the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, to wit, the Government's unwillingness to grant constitutional reforms in proportion to the agitation for the same by wholesale and partial reductions of their budgets, by a series of resolutions and cut motions, passed in this House and by the intense and progressive clamourings for reforms from the public at large, outside the Council"*.

The second is:—*"Under sections 17, 18 and 20 of the Cochin Legislative Council Rules, I request leave to move that the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the Government's unconscionable delay in passing orders on the Antony Committee Report, as indicated during question time yesterday and in contravention to the Government's solemn promises on the floor of this House"*.

The third is:—*"Under Section 17, 18 and 20 of the Cochin Legislative Council rules, I request leave to move that the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the Government's breach of a promise, made on the floor of this House, in one of its recent meetings to the effect that some more conveniences would be given to the political prisoner, Mr. Vathai Manjuran B. A."*

And the fourth is:—*"Under Sections 17, 18 and 20 of the Cochin Legislative Council Rules, I request leave to move that the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the extreme water scarcity to the paddy cultivators of the villages of Madaikkonam, Porathassari and Karuvannur and the imminent failure of crops over those parts"*.

I need hardly remind the House of the provisions governing the admissions of Adjournment motions. Clause (2) says 'not more than one matter can be discussed on the same motion and the motion must be restricted to a specific matter of recent occurrence'. None of these relate to a matter of recent occurrence. Though there are other reasons also for disallowing these motions I rest my decision on this rule.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I have a say on the matter sir?

President.—I am sorry. I can't allow it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There is a precedent Sir. Whenever an adjournment motion is brought before the house the member is allowed to explain his motion.

President.—It is not obligatory. If the motions are self-explanatory there is no necessity.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I request the President to kindly give me a concession.

President.—I am sorry the stage of concession is passed.

Hence all the four motions of Mr. K. M. Ibrahim were ruled out of order. The next is from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan 'I have the honour to ask for your leave to adjourn the business of the house to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, to wit the pressing necessity for issuing orders staying execution proceedings against property till such time as the Government would take to pass orders granting loans to the applicants for help from the grant of Rs. 20 lakhs sanctioned by His Gracious Highness. In this connection I have to invite the Hon'ble Member's attention to clause (3) 'the motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same session'. This matter was discussed on a motion by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur yesterday.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir it was not a motion, but questions and answers.

President.—I am sorry. Perhaps I am not quite correct. Then I rely on clause 5 which says that the motion must not deal with a matter on which a resolution could not be moved.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—A resolution could be moved on this subject.

President.—If this also is not quite correct, I am perfectly within my right to disallow it on another ground namely, clause (2) 'the motion must be restricted to a specific matter of recent occurrence'. Therefore I disallow it on that ground.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The Hon'ble President may be pleased to allow me to explain my motion.

President.—It is not necessary that an explanation should be given because the matter is so very clear. As this is not a matter of recent occurrence it has not to be allowed. There is an end of the matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—On a point of order, Sir.

President.—There is no point of order here.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I respectfully bring to the notice of the chair that there is no other resolution coming on this topic. The urgency of the matter is that even to day things are taking place which justify this adjournment motion. So the President may kindly allow the mover to explain his position.

President.—We now proceed to the legislative business.

Hence the motion of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan was ruled out of order.

Amendments to standing Orders.

As Mr. K. T. Mathew was absent the following motion standing in his name was considered to be withdrawn.

Mr. K. T. Mathew:—*Presentation of the Select Committee Report on the Amendment to S. O. 56.*

Mussalman Charitable Endowment Bill.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I request leave to introduce The Mussalman Charitable Endowment Bill.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the bill is "The Mussalman Charitable Endowment Bill"

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I request the President to suspend the Standing order and allow me to move that the bill be taken into consideration. There is no necessity for the bill to go into a Select Committee. It is a very non-controversial and self-evident measure. This is exactly of the British Indian Act passed some 12 years ago. So, I request the President to suspend the Standing Order and allow me to move that the bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I oppose the motion. The bill which is introduced here merely because it is a copy of the British Indian law cannot be accepted without examination here. The British Indian law was passed probably on account of several historic reasons which may not have application to Cochin. I have not the least objection for appointing a select